(a) whether BIFR, in its last hearing gave a final-limit of three months to Government to submit a rehabilitation scheme for revival of FCI;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to submit scheme within the stipulated time, to stop winding-up decision by the BIFR;

(c) if not the actual status; and

(d) the details of revival plans for each unit *viz.* Sindri, Gorakhpur, Ramagundam and Talcher?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The rehabilitation proposals of FCI, based on unit-wise viability, were considered by the competent authority in the Government on 31.5.2001 and a Group of Ministers has been constituted to examine the proposals and submit its recommendations. The Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) is functional. The operations of the Ramagundam and Talcher Units were suspended since April, 1999 due to a very high cost of production and continuous incremental losses and consequent to a fire accident, the operations of Gorakhpur Unit was suspended in June, 1990.

Supply of seed minikits to Madhya Pradesh

†*97. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would provide seed minikits of the varieties of seeds of matar, masoor, moong and urad released under the pulse production programme and of groundnut, til, ramtil and alsi released under oilseeds production programme in ten years, to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are considering to lift restriction of ten years for seed minikits; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is already supplying the minikits of various pulses including matar, masoor, moong and urad and different oilseeds including groundnut, til (sesame) to Madhya Pradesh which are less than 10

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years old under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP). Efforts are being made to produce the seed of Ramtil (nigar) & Alsi (linseed) through National Seeds Corporation (NSC) and State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) for minikit distribution.

(b) and (c) Under minikit programme, the seed of new varieties of pulses and oilseeds which are less than 10 years old are popularized. At present there is no proposal to permit the use of more than 10 years old varieties of pulses & oilseeds as this if the only way to ensure the proper spread of newly released and notified varieties for better production and for benefit of the small, marginal & SC/ST farmers. However, under special circumstances of drought & floods, the Government of India has been permitting the use of popular varieties which are more than 10 years old in the drought/flood affected States in case of non-availability of new varieties.

Shifting of East Cost Railway Zone

*98. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways has already shifted the East Coast Railway Zone from Bhubaneswar and almost all important officers and staff have already been shifted to different places; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Government Schools, KVs and NVs in Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chattisgarh

*99. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning at present in Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, district-wise/schoool wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more schools in those States during the next three years;